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WORK FOR THE NEW YEAR

Only a few more hours and 1906 will be no more. It has been a good year for Vinita. Crops have been abundant, and improvements within the city have been numerous. No calamities have befallen us, and material prosperity has been general. We are assured the country seat of one of the best counties in the new state.

But, after all, 1907 must far surpass 1906 if Vinita is to attain unto the stature of a modern city. We have done some things in the past but, compared with what we must do in the future, they are but few and unimportant.

First of all, we must, in this coming year of 1907, secure a railroad, the first railroad that is built into this country, it makes no difference by whom it is built, nor where are its termini.

Next in importance, we must inaugurate a generous system of internal improvements. If it proves impossible to sell street paving bonds under the provisions of the Curtis bill, at least statehood will give us the power to pave and to build sidewalks and to lay sewers. And there must be no hesitancy in carrying out these improvements as soon as it is possible legally to do so.

Vinita must have factories. We have, or will have within a few days, the cheap gas. Then, if we secure another railroad, as we must, it will be possible to attract factories here. It must be born in mind, however, that factories are dependent upon railroads; if Vinita is to grow, and to become an industrial center, more railroads must be secured.

Last to be mentioned, but by no means last in importance, is the matter of schools. Vinita has no high school; she must have one. Vinita has a law forbidding children to enter school until they have lived here sixty days; that law is a disgrace to a civilized community, and should be wiped out of existence. Vinita's schools must be enlarged and extended in every way; their doors must be open to every child that desires an education.

And so, while 1906 has been good to Vinita, it has not by any means left this a complaint city. There is work to do, and much of it, in 1907, and if Vinita is ever to amount to anything we must all put our shoulders to the wheel and push.

THE FIRST STEP

The first step has been taken towards the reorganization of the Republican party in the new state. At McAlester Saturday the two executive committees were amalgamated, with "Jake" Hamon of Oklahoma as chairman and S. G. Victor of Indian Territory as vice chairman. The present organization is but temporary. Arrangements for electing a new committee by the vote of the rank and file of the Republican party will be completed at once.

The announced intention of the Soper-Flynn crowd to control the committee was completely frustrated, they having so few votes that they did not even contest Mr. Hamon's election. Hamon is a pronounced McGuire man, and his election is taken as a triumph of that wing of the party. Still, as the decision was reached to begin at once the reorganization of the party from the "grass roots," it doesn't matter so much who has the temporary organization, so long as the work of reorganization is speedily and honestly carried out, and this Mr. Hamon has promised to do.

Until the voters are given a chance, these feuds between the McGuire faction on the one hand and the Soper-Flynn faction on the other will continue, the men of both factions being very much more interested in the success of themselves and their friends than in the triumph of Republican principles. With statehood, the plain Republicans will take control and there will be unity and progress, and, since the meeting Saturday at McAlester was harmonious, it is hoped that the first step in this direction has now been taken.

Guthrie evidently has little fear of losing the state capital. A contract has just been let for the erection of a big hotel that will cost \$150,000.

NOT DISCOURAGING, BUT ENCOURAGING

Vinita must, in this good year of 1907, exert herself more strenuously than ever in the past for the upbuilding of the town. The time for sitting complacently by, waiting for the good things to come here, is past, if ever there was such a time. Whatever Vinita secures now, she must build for.

Without being pessimistic, The Chieftain wishes to point out the exact status of the railroad situation. The Frisco freight division has been moved from this city. This is not much of a loss at present, but it means that any new Frisco extensions will naturally tend towards Afton, and that is serious. If the Grove extension is built by the Frisco, it will be built to Afton.

The Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf is surveyed to Afton, passing several miles east of Vinita. Work on the southern extension of this road is now in progress, and the northern extension from Wagoner to Afton will be built as soon as the road is constructed into Denison.

Of the numerous projects under consideration, the Coffeyville & Memphis will go perhaps to Afton, the Oklahoma & Cherokee Central has been surveyed from Pryor Creek thru Chiles to Nowata, and the Arkansas & Oklahoma Northeastern may go thru Adair and Chelsea. And then what of Vinita?

It will be objected that these roads, almost without exception, are "paper" roads. That is true, and it is true also that most of them will never be built. But can anyone say just which ones will be built and which will not? And, since this is the case, does it not behoove the citizens of Vinita to tie up with as many of them as possible? Not one of them, except possibly the M. O. & G., has definitely cut Vinita out. Of the others, any one of them would doubtless come here if paid the price. And shall Vinita, then, the richest town in this section, be outbid by Afton and Chelsea and the other smaller surrounding towns?

The situation is not discouraging; on the contrary, it is distinctly encouraging. These numerous projects prove that there will be roads built here in this country soon. Vinita can secure these roads, if she goes after them. Our citizens can make Vinita the big town of this section if they desire to do so.

The big Guthrie menagerie will open again Thursday. "King" Haskell will show how the wild Oklahomans can be tamed and made to eat out of his hand.

Not only does the anti-pass law become effective today, but the pure food law also begins business. The enforcement of these two laws alone will make the new year vastly different from the old.

HELP GET BUSY

The Daily Oklahoman of Oklahoma City is still busily defying "King" Haskell, who, with only a weekly paper to fall back upon, and unable to give publicity to his thoughts thru the official minutes of the constitutional convention, is at a great disadvantage. But the convention will assemble again Thursday, and then watch what Haskell does to Stafford and his paper.

"DOESN'T HURT TAFT"

With the bitter opposition of Senator Joseph B. Foraker, railroad rebate champion, corruptionist, and Roosevelt-bater, William H. Taft looms up portentously as a candidate for president of the United States. Foraker's hatred makes the people love Roosevelt more, and his opposition to Taft will cause the plain voters to believe that the latter is fully worthy of stepping into the presidential shoes. The opposition of "the System" strengthens, instead of hurts, candidates nowadays.

DIFFERENCES BURIED

Even the Oklahoma City Post, the most belligerent of the new state Republican organs, approves the action of the Republican committee at McAlester Saturday. From all appearances, the old factional differences that have disrupted the Republican party of the two territories will soon be buried from sight, and all will be working harmoniously for the success of the party in the coming election.

Oklahoma City's postal receipts, it is stated, equal the combined receipts of Muskogee, Guthrie, McAlester, Shawnee and Enid. From which it will be conceded that Oklahoma City has some claim to the title of the metropolis of the new state.

An old superstition has it that as is the first day, so will be the entire year. It is to be hoped, however, that, as regards the weather of 1907, all the rest of the days will but follow the example set yesterday and today.

MORE LAWYERS' GRIFT

A little bill has been introduced into congress providing for the submission to the court of claims of alleged unpaid claims to the Delaware Indians amounting to some millions of dollars. The Delaware some years ago accepted a certain sum as full payment, but some lawyer has doubtless detected a flaw somewhere and hopes to grow rich thru public sympathy for the "poor" Indian.

THE SHAME OF TEXAS

Senator Joseph W. Bailey is still the idol of Texas. In spite of his trust connections he is to be returned to the senate. Evidently with a majority of the Texans damogogy counts for more than statesmanship, and Bailey's hatred of all things modern and northern, and his appeals to the old passions of the civil war, will enable him to retain his seat in the senate, where he will continue to represent his state in such leisure moments as his defense of Standard Oil will permit.

FORCING HIM TO THE FRONT

Besides having insured the enmity of Senator Foraker and Wall Street, William H. Taft has further strengthened himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency by announcing that he is in favor of a revision of the tariff,—not in favor of free trade, but of eliminating the protection now accorded to those trusts and monopolies that use the tariff as a shield behind which they are able to carry on their depredations against the people.

President Roosevelt having again and again announced that under no circumstances would he accept a renomination, Secretary Taft seems to be one of the most available men to carry on the Roosevelt policies. The trusts and special interests are as bitterly opposed to him as they are to Roosevelt, and the professional politicians have whetted for him the same knives they have tried

to use on his chief. The more bitterly Mr. Taft is attacked by men of the Foraker ilk, the more popular will he become with the people, and his declaration for tariff revision but increase their regard.

A CHANGE OF MILLIONAIRES

Colorado will this year send to the senate, instead of Democratic Millionaire Thomas M. Patterson, Republican Millionaire Simon Guggenheim. But they are both haters of predatory wealth, and the trusts will "get theirs" from Guggenheim just as effectively as they have from Patterson.

SHOULD ELIMINATE HIM

William Allen White of the Emporia Gazette says that the same element that elected Burton to the United States senate is combining to elect Charles Curtis as his successor. If the people of Kansas have learned anything this year alone ought to eliminate Curtis.

A CONFUSION IN PLACES

"Vinita is erecting an auditorium where her spellbinders can practice. It is trusted they will like it so well they will stay at home."—The Oklahoman.

The Oklahoman has evidently confused Muskogee and Vinita. Haskell does not hail from this city, and our auditorium, even when completed, would be altogether inadequate to confine him.

No More Sevres Graft in France.

The budget commission has decided to abolish the famous "bons de Sevres." M. Caillaux, president of the commission, states that this decision has been arrived at owing to the frequent abuse of these tickets. The famous china has, in fact, come to be regarded as a convenient form of currency in transactions to which it would not always be convenient to give a name. An artist to be complimented, a politician to be placated for services in the past or for possibilities in the future, received orders on the great national porcelain factory. In late years the practice has reached the dimensions of a scandal, so marked that the management of the factory has at last taken heart of grace to stop it. Henceforward the establishment will not in any circumstances part with goods except against cash.—Paris Edition of London Mail.

Polonius' Advice a Hoax.

A certain Chicago manufacturer has issued a terrible warning to the gay and festive clerks who pass the majority of their spare time in devising ways and means whereby they may the more gorgeously adorn their manly figures.

This manufacturer entered his office the other day just as one of his clerks was coming out. In the clerk's hand was a small cane and on his finger glittered a diamond ring, and his raiment was such as to make Solomon turn in his grave with envy. The employer noted the dazzling creature and then made his way to the cashier's office and inquired what salary the young man was getting.

"Twelve dollars a week," replied the cashier.

"Cut it down to \$10, the fellow dresses better than I do," was the terse response.

Cold Storage for Hay Fever.

Here is a cure for hay fever that may not come too late for the susceptible victim of that fell malady. The Hospital relates that "a gentleman who was suffering from hay fever happened one summer to spend two hours in the refrigerating hold of a steamer." This cured him, and he had no further attack that summer. As a remedy, "cold storage" has objections, but there are victims who would even be cured at the expense of a frozen foot or fingers, and at any rate the idea is refreshing. Those of us who enjoy novelty, and always the "last thing," might rush for the refrigerator the instant we begin to feel that hay sneezing coming on.

Faint.

"I understand you've got a call to a distant church?"
"Yes, you might call it a call."
"What's the salary?"
"One thousand a year."
"That's no call. That's just a whistle."—Houston Post.

Amusing Mixed Metaphors.

The mixed metaphor gives many unsuspecting members of parliament a fall. Mr. Asquith not long ago amused the house with the phrase: "Our tongues are tied, our hands are fettered, and we are really beating air in no purpose."

Mr. John Burns improved on this by declaring, in reference to the children's employment bill, "I will now repeat what I was about to say when the honorable member interrupted me." Then there was the wealthy manufacturer member who, dealing with the legal position of trade unions, asserted that "the interests of the employers and employees are the same nine times out of ten—may, I will go further, and say 99 times out of ten."

A member of the present opposition, observing signs of dissent from a Liberal, exclaimed: "Alas, the honorable member opposite may shake his head, but he cannot shake mine." "Mr.," said Mr. Walter Long, on education matters, "we are told that by this legislation the heart of the country will be shaken to its foundations."

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To The Penitentiary

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 22.—State Senator F. O. Butt, recently sentenced to two years for bribery, arrived here today to surrender himself to the penitentiary officials. Before leaving home, at Eureka, yesterday Mr. Butt, was given a reception by his fellow citizens.

Dr. Lytle advised everything for my baby until Dr. Lytle recommended Crocker's. I can truthfully say it is the best medicine I ever used for babies. Nannie L. Taylor, Bedford, Va.—Fro Drug Store, Mallarmey & Myers.

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STOLE FROM WIFE

Pryor Creek Man Took \$100
From His Wife and Left
Town

One of the cases that will come before Judge Parker in Pryor Creek this week is rather unique. A man named Owens on Monday went to his wife's home during her absence, and stole \$100 belonging to her. He told their little girl, who was there to tell the mother that he was going to leave her for good, and that she might go to— for all he cared.

Mrs. Owens returned home soon after the man left, and the little girl faithfully recounted what the husband had said. Mrs. Owens immediately reported the incident to Marshal Darrough, who happened to be in town. As the latter was returning to Vinita on the train he noticed Owens on the train, so he took him to the station, and he was arrested. The man was charged with theft.

Habeas Corpus Proceedings

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Arguments were begun in the United States district court here today in habeas corpus proceedings instituted by attorneys Mrs. Aggie Myers under sentence to hang January 10 for the murder of her husband. The prisoner was not brought into court.

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